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Army tells of spy files

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army said Friday it found 9,200 documents on activities of American civilians in its intelligence files more than four years after the records were supposed to have been purged.

Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway first disclosed the continued presence of such information in a counterintelligence microfilm library last January but did not use any figures at the time.

In a memorandum to Congress made public Friday, Callaway reviewed the situation and steps being taken to remedy it.

He said that "consideration is being given to whether any administrative action should be taken against any of the officials whose oversight or misunderstanding of the requirements" helped produce the problem.

The Army statement said actions have been under way to eliminate all such documents from the files, but the Army is holding the material at the request of Congress while congressional investigations continue.

In addition, Callaway said, the Army has issued a new regulation laying out the stringent annual file review procedures "which should prevent this

kind of inadvertent problem from recurring."